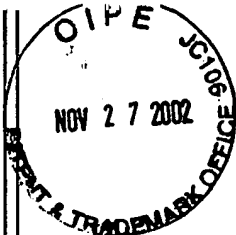


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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 28, 2002, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 5-12, 14 and 15, and substitute new claims 24-34.

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1. (Twice Amended) A method of preventing thrombosis formation on a liquid-containing surface of a liquid delivery system, the liquid delivery system being connected to a patient for delivery of a liquid to said patient, the method comprising forming a seal in the liquid delivery system between delivery of liquids using a thrombosis-preventing liquid containing taurolidine, taurultam or a mixture thereof, said thrombosis-preventing liquid further containing an anticoagulant agent other than taurolidine or taurultam.

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2. (Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the liquid containing taurolidine, taurultam or mixture thereof is contacted with said surface for at least about 1 hour.